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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8970

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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, IT, EEC

SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS

REF: (A) STATE 170962 (NOTAL) (B) ROME 11204

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED UP INITIAL REPRESENTATIONS (REF B)  
ON PROPOSED FATS AND OILS TAX WITH HIGH-LEVEL CALLS AT FOR-  
EIGN MINISTRY. ON JULY 14 DCM RAISED SUBJECT WITH DIRECTOR  
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GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS GARDINI. SINCE GARDINI ONLY

BARELY AWARE OF EXISTENCE OF PROBLEM, DCM PROVIDED DETAILS AND STRESSED DANGER WHICH ISSUE PRESENTS IN CONTEXT OF OVER-ALL US-EC RELATIONS. GARDINI THANKED DCM FOR BRIEFING AND PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH HIS ECONOMIC COLLEAGUES IN MINISTRY.

2. DURING CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MONDELLO JULY 20, ECMIN REFERRED TO HIS DEMARCHE TO MONDELLO'S DEPUTY RICCIULLI AND SUMMARIZED USG POSITION AND CONCERNS. MONDELLO RESPONDED THAT MINISTRY WAS WELL AWARE OF USG CONCERNS AND THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MONDELLO, GOI HAS NOT YET WORKED OUT POSITION ON TAX PROPOSAL. IN FACT, INTERMINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT TAKEN PLACE. WHEN MONDELLO CONCLUDED THAT BALL SEEMED TO BE IN COMMISSION'S COURT, ECMIN REPLIED THAT MEMBER STATES WOULD BE CALLED ON TO PASS JUDGMENT ON THE PROPOSAL AND WE WANTED GOI TO TAKE USG VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT. VOLPE

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